- No Definite Decision Reached in the Parnell Case.

THE REPORT IS NOW READY

And Will Probably be Presented to Parliament on Tuesday.

CHALLENGED TO MORTAL COMBAT.

England's Minister to Portugal Invited to Fight a Duel.

A PRISON FOR THE DUKE OF ORLEANS

Copies of the report of the Parnell Commission have been given to Queen Victoria and Lord Salisbury. The document will be will dodge the real issue. A fierce fight Orleans will be sentenced to prison for a term of years for his mad pranks.

IBY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH. I

LONDON, February 8 .- [Copyright.]-The Parnell Commission report, according to present arrangements, will be distributed to members of the Lords and Commons on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The secret of its contents is being well kept and the statement is that only two printed copies are at present under perusal, one being in the possession of the Queen and the other being in the hands of Lord Salisbury.

The eminent English lawyer, Lockwood, told me to-day that he did not believe there would be any very definite expressions of opinion in the report. In his mind he felt certain that it would be little more than a careful digest of the evidence and an elaborate summing up, leaving the public to draw their own conclusions and formulate their own verdict.

PARNELL'S HEALTH POOR.

It is a matter of some concern in the Irish party that Mr. Parnell is not so robust as he was a few years ago, and some doubts are entertsined whether he can much longer stand the strain of continuous parliamentary work. The fight for Ireland would not be allowed to cease for one moment from this cause, and in either John Dillon or Sexton Irishmen have a leader in whom they would place implicit confidence.

The Tory prints are endeavoring to hide their chagrin at the defeat of the Times by Mr. Parnell by claiming that they have a moral victory, and they attemp: to prove this by showing that, while Mr. Parnell claimed £100,000, he has only secured £5,000. Mr. Parnell, however, never expected to receive a larger sum. It would be the monument the patent medicine man. The idea of making an American tombstone of the British lieu is that of young Ayer, who ordered the monument when in Europe a year ago. The lion weighs five tous, and the patent medicine man. The idea of making an American tombstone of the British lieu is that of young Ayer, who ordered to remement Loweri cemetery shu mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of the grave of the late J. C. Aver, the mark the grave of th pected to receive a larger sum. It would be pected to receive a larger sum. It would be the pedestal upon which it is to rest is four next to impossible to get a London jury feet high, and weighs seven tons. Accorwithout some Tories in it, and they would ding to young Ayer's wishes, Mr. Joy has never have agreed to the Times being represented the lion with head bowed upon never have agreed to the Times being mulcted in any considerable amount.

A REAL VICTORY.

Therefore, considering the vagaries of English juries where political feeling comes into play, Mr. Parnell was well advised in consenting to settle. It is rarely that a verdiet for damages in England exceeds £5,000. William O'Brien, although still in deli-

cate health, addressed an enormous meeting of English Liberals at Manchester last night, and on Wednesday he delivers a publie address in London. After that his friends hope to persuade him to take a short rest, but it is probable he will insist first on delivering one big speech in Par-

Parliament will be formally opened on Tuesday without the presence of royalty. Gladstone arrived in town to-day in order to be present. All the members of the Goveroment are at hand, as well as Mr. Gladstone's leading supporters. Joseph Chamberlain hurried home from Paris with his wife to-day, The only really notable absentees will be Lord Hartington and Lord Randelph Churchill.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S SPERCH. The Queen's speech was prepared by the Cabinet on Wednesday and Goschen took it to Osborne last evening for Her Majesty to rend. Ministerial secrets have been unus- in order to obtain a large sum from the Ser ually well kept this year and the newspa-vian Treasury.

The existence of a plot to dethrone Prince of the speech. There is reason to believe, however, that it will be longer than the average and that the chief measures referred to will be an Irish land purchase bill, a bill transferring payment of clerical titles from farmers to land owners and a bill which. while practically establishing a system of free education, will be so skilfully drawn in the interests of the Tory parsons that denominational schools will receive large additional sums from the State without being

The last named measure will receive the determined opposition of the Liberals, and from many Liberal Unionists also, if, as is and his wife were invited to dinner by not probable, any one of them has a spark of Prince Bismarck to make the acquaintance public spirit left. The strong point in the of the family and drink a glass of speech will be a reference to the increasing prosperity of the country, for which the Tories are taking full credit.

A BIG FIGHT PROMISED

Labouchere addressed his constituents at Northampton last night and promised them that he would take care that the action of that he would take care that the action of the Government in connection with the Par-nell Commission and of Secretary Matthews

States. Thus gloriously equipped for a social bout the Chancellor proposed and all drank the health of the President of the in regard to the Cleveland street scandals should be thoroughly discussed in Parliament. Labouchere was in great and combative spirits, and talked cheerfully of hav- The Death of the Duke of Montpensi ing Walters, of the Times, dragged to the bar of the House and afterward imprisoned in the clock tower.

It seems certain that the British Govern ment intends introducing legislation this was worth about \$60,000,000, some of which, session dealing with Ireland, and it is had be lived, would have found its way to stated on good authority that £20,000,000 will be devoted to the development of the Ashbourne acts, and that the Irish drainage bills will be reintroduced. It is not yet certain whether any local self-government bill for Ireland will be introduced, but it is by no means unlikely.

Bob Lincoln's Boy is Better.

INT CABLE TO THE DISPATCH. LONDON, February 8 .- Little Abraham Lincoln is slowly recovering his health, but it was only this week that physicians considered him out of danger. He has had one or two relapses since he was brought back from France, but is stronger now than at say time before since his illness.

MUST GO TO PRISON.

The French Government Determined to Punish the Young Duke of Orleans -The Plans of the Adherents of Royalty. BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.

LONDON, February 8 .- The Duke of Orgreeably surprised by the decision of the an ordinary law breaker. It has been given out that the ill-starred expedition was nothing more than a boyish freak, under-taken suddenly and without apprising his parents, but there is reason to believe that the thing was deliberately arranged in order to revive drooping interest in the Orleanist cause. It was supposed the French Government would simply have conducted the young man to the frontier, in which case the glory would have been cheaply earned, but he has rendered himself liable to imprisonment not less than a term of two years and the Government is determined to press for

punishment. The is great wailing this evening in the Orleanist camp.

In view of the escapade of the young Duke of Orleans, the latest views of his father, the Count of Paris, will be interesting. The Count in an interview with a triend before he sailed for America said his object was to visit the West Indies Canada made public at the opening of Parliament on Tuesday. It is expected that the judges affairs took in Brazil," he said when asked his opinion of the revolution, "will serve to teach a valuable lesson to the crowned upon the Irish question is anticipated in heads of Europe. The fact that such a vast the House of Commous. The Duke of empire was so calmly overthrown, and that, too, without a plausible excuse, will give a dangerous impetus, I fear, to anarchy

"What do you think of General Boulang-France?'

"Upon that subject I cannot express an pinion. General Boulanger's absence from France, of course, has lessened the popularand his success depends upon the loyalty of his friends." "What do you hope to gain by General

Boulanger's success, if he should become "We hope to convince the people by his government, together with the present, that a republican form of government is not the best for France. They are already dissatisfied with the government they have at present, and when they shall have tried Boulangerism and found it wanting, they will demand a return to a dignified monarchy. This, however, will be only upon conditions which a sovereign can justly grant."

"What are some of those conditions?" "First of all, the people want universal suffrage, which no monarch should deny them when honestly demanded, and, secondly they need a wise and liberal constitution. If these were given and the monarch be just, humane and irreproachable, there would be no fear of revolution."

A MOURNING BRITISH LION

To Be Used as a Monument for an Amerione Patent Medicine Man.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.) LONDON, February 8 .- In the studio of Albert Bruce Joy, one of the foremost of English sculptors, I saw yesterday an unfinished marble lion of colossal size that is destined to ornament Lowell cemetery and folded paws, and a look of melancholy pathes upon its face, which is turned upon the ground below. Another work Mr. Joy has just completed is a heroic bust of Sir Thomas Erskine May, for many years clerk of the House of Commons, which is be presented

to that body with much ceremony after Parliament meets, next week. Mr. Joy's favorite bust is one of Mary Anderson which Dr. Griffin ordered as a present for Miss Anderson. It has been completed for several months, but Mr. Joy is loth'to let it leave his studio. Mr. Joy is the author of the colessal figure of Gladstone in Mile End road, of the bust of Lord Salisbury in the Mansion House, of the heroic figure of John Bright at St. Stephen's, and of many other masterpieces, so that America is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of an important work of art, even if it is to go to a Lowell cemetery.

TROUBLES OF SERVIA'S ROYALTY.

The Ex-Monarch on a Wild Caronse and the Present King Nearly Murdered. (BY CABLE TO THE DISPATOR.)

LONDON, February 8 .- King Milan has been on a wild carouse at Monte Carlo, has lost 500,000 francs at the gaming tables, and has been mean enough, according to current report, to send his friend, Count Milewaki, Belgrade, to the horror of Queen Nathalie, his divorced and greatly wronged wife, to obtain her influence with the Government

Ferdinand, and, if necessary, to cut his throat, has been fully proved. Some of the most trusted civil and military officers are implicated, and the country is in a state of semi-panic. The plot is of Russian manufacture beyond doubt, and the prime mover has been the Czar's Minister at Bucharest. Ferdinand is sate for the present, but the affair has upset the promising matrimonial negotiations which were proceeding in the young man's behalf.

HARRISON'S HEALTH QUAFFED.

subjected to use control of popularly elected Minister Phelps the Guest of Boner at

Prince Bismurck's Dinner. BEELIN, February 8 .- Minister Phelps wine over the settlement of the Samoan troubles. The dinner hour was an early one and the only person present, exclusive of the family, was Dr. Schwenninger. After dinner they adjourned to the library and the Chancellor lighted his long pipe

and sent for some whisky. He said a recent gift from a triend in the United United States.

A GOOD THING FOR BRAZIL.

Spoils Some Plots. (BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.) LONDON, February 8 .- The Duke o Montpensier, who died suddenly this week, Brazil, the Duke being bent upon upsetting He was always plotting or intriguing, and failed in every big thing he attempted.

Russin's Gigantic RailwaylPlans. ST. PETERSBURG, February 8 .- The committee authorized by the Government has prepared a plan for the through Siberian railway to be completed in two years. The total length is to be 4,375 miles and the total cost 250,000,000 roubles.

Diphtheria Caused by Inoculation. [BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.] ST. PETERSBURG, February 8. — Dr. mated at \$750,000. The Los Angeles river Rapchiuski has discovered a cure for diphtheria by the inoculation of crysipelas. St. Petersburg, February 8. - Dr.

THE CODE OF HONOR,

Patriotic Portuguese Official Challenge the British Minister to Fight a Duel -Many Alleged Outrages Upon English Citizens. BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCHA

LONDON, February 8 .- Something of a leaus, who went to Paris in contravention of sensation was created here to-day when a law exiling him and demanded that he be telegram from Lisbon announced that Senor allowed to enter the army, has been disa- J. D. Andrade Corvo member of the Portuguese Council of State, had sent a challenge French Government to prosecute him like to fight a duel to Mr. Glynn Petre, the British Minister, owing to the nature of his reply to the manifesto of the students. Lord Salisbury has not yet received what he considers satisfactory proof that the Portuguese officers in Africa have carried out the evacuation of territory promised by their Government, and declines to consider the general territorial question.

Meanwhile the British Government have

been considering whether a remonstrance should not be addressed to Portugal upon the continued boycotting and ill-treatment of Englishmen. The Consul at Oporto has sent the Foreign Office some elegant extracts from local newspapers upon which alone a serious complaint might be based. "Let us," says one of these bloodthirsty journals, "be heroes in the fight, but heroes after the fashion of red Indians. We advise that the English in Operto be bound hand and foot and thrown into lighters; that they be towed down the river; that barrels of dynamite be cast in with them, and then, at the sound of the first gun discharged by England, let the

The other day, if the Times correspond-ent can be trusted, the chivalry of Oporto stoned a British subject aged not quite 1 year, as he was being taken for an airing in perambulator. That baby may figure in history, for the story of his wrongs has deeply moved British matrons all over the country. Women here do not care much for politics or foreign affairs. A good many of them never heard of the Zambesi, and Portugal is generally associated with port and sherry and other good things. But the assault upon a baby, the stoning of an infant, fills the maternal bosoms with frantic and tearful indignation, which, turned upon inoffensive male creatures who vote and by erence control those who make laws and look after British interests abroad may have important international consequences.

PITTSBURG AS A BATTLE GROUND. Mr. Martin Advises the Federation to Start

the Eight-Hour Strikes Here. NEW YORK, February 8 .- The Executive Council of the American Federation of the Labor met to-day at their hall, No. 21 Clinton place, to make preparations for the inauguration of the eight-hour working day on May 1. A large number of communications from affiliated organizations were read, all of which gave assurances that strikes will be ordered unless the eight-hour system were established. It was said that the financial condition of the Federation was such that it could maintain the stand to be taken to a successful termination. The decision on which organization shall take the initiative was deferred

until next month. Vice President Martin favored designating the iron industry for this purpose, and selecting Pittsburg as the central point, while President Gompers thought that the first strike should be among the members of the building trades organizations in this

ABERDSEN VINDICATED. Faux Denies Having Been Publicly Whipped

by the Citizens. LEXINGTON, February 8 .- An interview with Fanz, the alleged victim of violence at Aberdeen, Miss., was held here and quite a different story is told by him from that re-

cently circulated. He says: I went up on the roof of a building to work and found a rope, which I untied, Did not know that it held the effigy of Secretary Protor. When I came down it had been stated that I said no efficy should be hanged while I was in town. Will McDonald, a bricklayer, asked me about it and struck me on the nose. I concluded to leave the town. The Mayor came and asked me to stay uromising projection. and asked me to stay, promising protection. Citizens' also asked me not to leave. I learned McDonald came to the depot to talk to me, but did not see him. I did not think much of it, and see no cause for all the fuss which has n raised. I am a hotheaded Democrat.

Fanz has had no communication from Atorney General nor any other of the author-He says he don't want to hear any more about it.

SEVEN BULLETS IN HIS BODY.

A Colored Desperado Shot Dead by a Poss of Indiana Citizens.

MUNCIE, IND., February 8 .- Yesterday afternoon a notorious colored man named Eli Ladd was ejected from William Razell's drugstore in Blountville, Henry county. Ladd went home, making threats, and armed himself, soon returning with two revolvers. A posse of citizens had gathered at Razell's store, and when Ladd appeared the firing began, Ladd using two of his weapons while running backward, with flying lead after him from the posse, who chased him until one of their number, John Davis, fell from a bullet in one leg, and all out two of the citizens stopped. Charles Lake and Charles Smelser pur

med Ladd over half a mile when he dropped lead in the road. Examination showed seven bullets in his person, one entering the neck under the chin. One pursuer was shot n the arm.

A SUIT AGAINST WANAMAKER.

An Employe Wants \$20,000 Salary and Damages for Breach of Contract.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 PHILADELPHIA, February 8. - Hugh Graham's statement in a suit against John Wanamaker, Thomas B, Wanamaker and Robert C. Ogden, copartners, trading as John Wanamaker, was filed to-day in the office of the Common Pleas Courts. Mr. Graham says that on March 13, 1882, a contract was signed by John Wanamaker and himself by which it was agreed that Mr. Graham should take sole charge as buyer and head of the cloak department at \$6,000 per annum, payable monthly. The contract was to run three years, to be

was discharged without notice and sues for \$20,000 salary and damages. A THOUSAND GIRLS TO STRIKE

The Order Reducing Their Wages Is Very Promptly Resented. SPECIAL TELEPRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

NEW HAVEN, CT., February 8 .- Mayer, Strouse & Co., corset manutacturers, gave notice last evening that the pay of the employes would be reduced about 10 per cent, beginning next Monday. A dozen girls struck at once, and this morning 300 more left the factory, refusing to work unless guaranteed that the old rate should be re-

About 1,200 girls are employed in the concern, and it is expected that the strike will assume larger proportions Monday. B. H. Macy & Co., of New York, who have a large corset factory here, have employed a large number of the strikers

\$750,000 Damages From Floods LOS ANGELES, February 8 .- The total damage by flood in this locality is esti-

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY PITTSBURG. A WIFE'S TROUBLES. MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

She Sues Her Millionaire Husband for poet Himself Gives Informa-Divorce, the Children

ENDEAVOR TO BURN THE HOUSE

And Some Person Sends a Bullet at Her Through the Window.

ANY NUMBER OF COUNTER COMPLAINTS. to Have Cut Off the Tail Husband's Favorite Herse.

Millionaire McComb, of Wilmington, Del., and his wife are having considerable trouble. There is a divorce suit on hand, in

builet that was sent by an unknown hand day.

The feeling in the surrounding country James C. McComb's house in this city, has

Comb says she was sitting at the corner of the dining room table engaged in serving, and facing her were several friends with whom she was conversing. There are two windows in the dining room, and the blind at the one nearest the front of the house was raised about a foot, so that any one from the outside could see the interior very plainly.

A MURDEROUS SHOP. The hole in the window indicates, judging from the splintered condition of the glass, that the ball must have entered fliagonally. It pierced the blind two feet above the window sill and chipped off the corner of the abutting chim-ney wall on the other side of the room, close to where Mrs. McComb says she was sitting. In tracing the course of the bullet the conclusion is inevitable that it was intended for her. The ball struck the edge of the window frame and buried itself in the sill. It has been dug out, and is now

in the possession of the police, The story of the courtship and merriage of Mr. and Mrs. McComb runs back to 1876. The husband is the son of the late Henry McComb, a prominent citizen of Wilmington, who became very wealthy through fortunate Government contracts during the war, and afterward increased his wealth by dealings with Southern railroad schemes until, at the time of his death, he was said to be worth \$12,000,000. Young McComb did not share his tather's society.

A POLICEMAN'S DAUGHTER. He was fond of running with the volunteer firemen, and is still one of the promi-neat members of Friendship Company. It structed him to say that the last they saw o was during these days that he first met Miss
Wingate, a daughter of Policeman Dayid
H. Wingate, who was counted among the
prettiest girls in Wilmington. In 1878
thay were married. Old Mr. McComb
naver opposed the match and after a while the young couple went to live in a com-modious house at Claymouut, about six

miles from Wilmington.

When the father died the son came into possession of most of the estate. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. McComb agreed to disagree and separate, the husband providing a house for his wife and allowing her \$100 a month for support. Four children had been born to the couple, one of whom died. The remaining three, two boys and a girl, were kept by the father at Claymount, but permitted to visit their mother once a week The last visit was made on Saturday, February 1, and the mother asserts that o this occasion the children turned against her, saying they wanted to set house on fire, and tore the clothes from her back. Since Mrs. McComb and ber husband separated has watched the other. The husband employed detectives to keep an eye on the wife, and the wife went into the detective

A DETERMINED WOMAN. On one occasion she attired herself in male attire and followed her husband. This fact she testified to before the master who took the testimony in the divorce suit.

Mrs. McComb was at home last evening and was willing to talk the snit and the shooting. Her husband has accused her of setting fire to the barn on the place at Claymount, and also of cutting of the tail of one of his finest driving horses. When asked what she had to say these accusations she denied emphatically the charge of ideendiarism, and asserted that she had never seen the horse whose tail is said to have been out. She also denied the charge that she had robbed the house and complained bitterly about the way her children had treated her, declaring that they were taught so by her husband. "I love my husband," she said, cain she said, calmly but positively, "and will forgive him if he will take me, but I propose to defend my rights to the last." The insinuation that Mrs. McComb herself fired the shot through the window, she refutes and says that, although she has a revolver in the house, it is never loaded, and has never been fired on the premises.

PAPER CIGARETTES PROHIBITED.

Bill to That Effect Proposed by

Tobacco Sourd of Trade. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 BALTIMORE, February 8 .- The tobacco board of trade is helping the Society for the Prevention of Vice Among Children to put an end to eigarette smoking in this State. A bill has already been prepared and will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. It provides for an extra liceuse of \$50 on any lealer who sells tobacco cigarettes, and interdicts the sale of any other cigarettes in which any deleterious interminated by three months' notice, otherwise to be in force another year. Graham in which any deleterious in gredient is used in the manufacture As the paper cigarette contains foreign paterial, coming under the head of deleterious, the passage of the bill will practi-cally prohibit their sales. Other measures already pending in the Legislature ed at the sale of eigarettes to minors. Such a law already exists, but it is not sufficiently stringent to break up the

WASHED ABOUT LIKE A LOG.

Cerrible Experience of a Sailor on a Span-

ish Steamer. BALTIMORE, February 8 .- Thursday las the steamer Sir Francis Drake, from Spain, suffered by storm while in the Gulf Stream A tremendous sea struck Sailor Williams hurling him against the after-stanchion where he was knocked senseless. The ves sel was in the trough of the sea, and wave after wave rolled over the decks, washing the half dead man about like a log. He was finally thrown in the direction of the men who were clinging to the life lines and hey secured him.

He was later carried to the captain's room. A cut extended across his forehead and his collar bone was broken. His body was brussed from head to foot. He is now

Sotel Keeper Believed to Have Killed His Servant is a Quarrel-The Sus-

tion of the Tragedy. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. PHILADELPHIA, February 8. - Jules Rosseau, the proprietor of the Berkeley Arms Hotel, New Jersey, was arrested today by John Hagerman, Constable of Toms River charged with the murder of John Murphy. He is locked up in the Ocean county jail at Toms River, New Jersey, Last V'ednesday week Rossean salled from the piazza of the hotel to the track walker of the Pennsylvania railroad, Jonathan Sprague, who was approaching the house, to come over and see what was the matter with his servant, John Murphy. Sprague complied with the request, and found Murphy lying on his face in a pool of blood about eight feet from the steps leading down from the side door of the hotel.

The two men on examining him found which Mrs. McComb disguised herself in that he was dead. A large wound was in male attire and played detective to secure his lest side which had evidently been made evidence. The children tore the clothes by a load from a shotgun. There was, howfrom her back and tried to fire the house.

Then somebody shot at her through the window.

Were, no gun lying near the body, giving size to a strong suspicion of nurder.

Sprague at once notified the police authorities of Tom's River of the facts of the case, SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.I

WILMINGTON, DELA, February 8.—The

and immediately returned to the hotel.

Coroner Stephen Irons, of Tom's River, was
notified and empaneled a jury on the same

over the murder is becoming intense. Ros-seau is believed to be undoubtedly guilty. resulted in increasing public interest in the Last Saturday morning, it is said, Rossenu story of a millionaire's domestic infelicity.

saw an officer approaching his hotel, and Mrs. McComb's house is a pretty and tastesupposing he had come to arrest him, broke fully turnished one in a row of brick down and burst into tears. The officer, howstructures.

The shooting was done at about 9 o'clock in the evening by some one in the side yard who must have mounted the wooden steps leading to the rear window of the parlot. At the time of the shooting Mrs. McComb saves she was sitting at the corner. that Murphy and Rosseau had quarreled and Rosseau had threatened to kill him. Sprague, the track-walker, John Hager-man, Coroner Ivins and many others do not hesitate to express the belief that Rosseau shot Murphy.

AGAINST LE CONEY.

be Witness Gives Some Very Direct Testimany-Fifty-Four Witnesses for the Defense Will Refute His Story, However-

Trial Scenes.

PAPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. CAMDEN, N. J., February 8 .- The proscution brought out their strongest witness against Chalkley Le Coney to-day-Garrett Murray-and while he was telling a story which, if true, pronounced the prisoner to be scarcely without doubt the murderer of his niece, and that practically by his own confession, the mother of the murdered girl sat at the right side of the accused, while the aged, white-haired father sat on his left. It was a striking family picture. Murray said that while hitching up the horses, just before 5 o'clock, he heard a struggle in the kitchen, and groaning, as if omeone was being choked; and that five ninutes later Chalkley Le Coney backed out of the door, went to the pump and washed his hands. Twenty minutes later he came out, his clothing changed, and went down to the creak. Later, as Le Coney and Murray

later in the day used this language to him: "I want you to keep your mouth shut. If you don't I'll kill you. If you should tell all you know they'd hang me." fense intend to contradict Murray's testi-

mony by no less than 54 witnesses. TWENTY-TWO SAILORS MISSING.

A Steamer Thought to be Lost With All or

Board. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH,) NEW YORK, February 8 .- The steamship Brampton, which arrived at Baltimore last week, reported that she had passed on January 22 a brigantine rigged steamship ich was engulfed by a tremendous wave and went down like a shot, without leaving a vestige of berself affoat. It was suspected here that the wrecked steamshin was the Camerada, which left here 32 days for Cardiff with a cargo of 61,000 of oats in bulk. Her agents . Edye & Co., think that she is The vessel carried a crew of 22 men, and manded by Captain Taylor. Was c used to ply between this port and Costa Rica until two years ago. She measured 982 tons and was 210 feet long. She was built in England in 1873, was owned by Co., of Aberdeen, and was worth about \$50,000.

MURDERED BY A SUITOR.

The Remains of the Murderer and Suicide Found Yesterday. DENVER February 8 .- On the morning of January \$3, while walking along one of the principal streets in this city in company with two other young ladies, Miss Nelli-Ryan, formerly of Minneapolia, was shot and instantly killed, her murderer stepping up behind her and placing a revolver al most against her breast, and then making his escape through an alley. The police were immediately put on his track, but they failed to catch him. A reward of \$1,000

was offered for his capture. A gang of railroad laborers at work ten miles south of Pueblo yesterday discovered the remains of a dead man lying in a deer canon with two bullet holes through his head and a revolver by his side. To-day the remains were identified as those of R. L. Scott, the young \man who was at first sus pected to be the murderer, he having at one time been infatuated with Miss Ryan.

NO NATIONAL BANKS WANTED.

Declaration of Political Principles by Farmers and Kulights of Labor. FORT SCOTT, KAN., February 8 .- The Knights of Labor, the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association and the Farmers' Alliance organized a joint convention to-day for the purpose of discussing a basis of union. A set of resolutions was adopted, embodying A set of resolutions the rule, that they will support no man for office who cannot be depended upon to enoffice who cannot be depended upon to en-deavor to have enacked the following prin-

ciples into law:

First, abolition of national banks and substitution of legal tender; breasury notes in lieu
thereof; second, snactment of laws against
dealing in futures; thard, free coinage of silver;
fourth, abolition of allen ownership of laud;
fifth, all revenues shall be limited to the needs
of the Government economically administered.

About 100 delegates from the different organizations were present.

GAS WORKS WRECKED. Daniel Desmond Killed and Four Other

Workmen Isjured. PAUL, February 8.—At 6 o'clock this evening an explosion in the washing and condensing room of the coal gas department of one of the buildings of the St. Paul Gas Light Company, resulted in the death of Daniel Desmond and the injury of Martin Curran, Chris Couley, Michael Maboney

and J. Simons.

The force of the explosion was terrific, the buildings for tour blocks being shaken by it. The building itself was wrecked and the report of the explosion heard for a mile or more away. The cause is not known.

HARRISON IN DOUBT

He May Not be Present at the Carnegie Library Dedication.

A TRIP WITH SECRETARY TRACY

Will Probably be Substituted for the Visit

to Pittsburg. THE Mckeesport Postoffice Fight.

Conflicting Reports as to the Condition of Congress man Randall.

The afflictions of members of the Cabinet may cause a change in President Harrison's plans. It is now probable that he will not attend the opening of the Allegheny Free Library. Captain Thompson, of McKeesport, has filed affidavits with Wanamaker that he was not drunk, but only had the

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.1 WASHINGTON, February 8 .- It was stated his evening at the White House that owing to the grief and confusion in administration pircles resulting from the deaths in Cabinet families, the President might abandon his contemplated trip to Pittsburg next week to dedicate the Allegheny Free Library. It is well known that the President is not partial o journeys of the kind suggested, and he may herefore take advantage of what might appear to be a good excuse to forego this one. Instead of the trip to Pittsburg he may take one which will be more quiet and exclusive on the United States steamer Dispatch, with

The abandonment of the Allegheny affair is not yet finally decided upon, however. ANOTHER LOCAL MATTER. Another feature of interest in Allegheny county is the continued fight concerning the McKeesport postoffice. No action has yet been taken by the Postmaster General, Mr.

Thompson is still in the city, and proposes to remain here for a few days. He is feeling quite confident of his final success.

"Our interview with Mr. Wanamaker," said be, this evening, "was a very pleasant one. He received us very kindly, but when we left we had no more idea of what he pro-posed doing than we had when we went there. I think we pretty effectually refuted the charges that have been filed against me. They are all much of the some sort, and when I tell you what was done with one of them you will have a good idea of the rest. One of the charges was that a man had seen me drink whisky and beer, and that he had some times seen me drunk, especially on one occasion, the 11th of January.

AN ATTACK OF INFLUENZA. "Now, I was down here in Washington on the 7th of January and went home that night. I caught the grip on my way and did not leave my house between the 8th and 14th of the month. I have filed an affidavit from my physician and one from myzelf to this effect, and also two affidavits from prominent citizens saying that this man's reputation for veracity is not good in the community in which he lives. Those four affidavits ought to settle that one charge

against me.
"The others have been refuted in the same Annie was as they drove off to the field, and that then she was on the outside steps, calling to the dog.

After the murder was discovered Murray said that Le Coney told him to say nothing to anyone who might come to the house and confident, and expect to soon see this matter settled in my favor." LIGHTNER.

IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.

The Friends of Congressman Randall Are Rather Too Hopeful. FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.I WASHINGTON, February 8 .- The even-

ing papers of this city publish statements to-night concerning Congressman Samuel J. Randall's health. They say that he is wonderfully improved and has recovered from the depressing effects of the last two or three days. These statements are identical with those obtained at Mr. Randall's house to-night. Notwithstanding them, however, there is a well-defined impression that he is very sick man. During the last few days he had suffered a relapse, and, although he is, as stated, better to-day, it has leit him in very weak condition. It is said, in that his condition is such as to cause his

friends the gravest alarm. They are averse to saving anything about his sickness for publication, because Mr. Randall persists in reading the newspapers, and the paragraphs he sees there referring to his growing (eebleness irritate and depress him. For this reason any information coming from the house is apt to be couched in perhaps too rosente terms. Dr. Lincoln, his physician, is very reticent, and while not saving that his patient is better in so many words, corroborates the generally hopeful statements issued from Mr. Randall's house. From the best information obtainable. ever, it is safe to say that Mr. Randall is in a quite critical condition, and the next few

days may settle the question of life or death. THEY CHARGE IT TO HISCOCK.

Washington Plate Printers in a Turmoli Over an Appointment. FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT, 1

WASHINGTON, February 8.-Quite lively row has been raised in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing by the appointment of Frances Flood, a colored girl, as an assistant of plate printers. As every plate printer is responsible for the work and pay of his assistant, the printers to whom Miss Flood was successively assigned refused to accept assistance, not because of her color, but because the plate printers propose to assert their right to say who shall be their helpers. Probably a belief that the appointment of Miss Flood was a deliberate attempt of Senator Hiscock to do something offensive to the plate printers, against whom, it is alleged, he has made a long fight, had also something to do with the rejection of Miss Flood, who is now acting as a senger," but really doing nothing. The plate printers' assembly of the Knights of Labor has taken action looking to the ass tion of their right to a voice in the selection of their assistants.

A FAMOUS HOTEL PAILS.

The Planters' House, of St. Leuis, in th Hands of the Sheriff SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

Louis, February 8 .- The second big hotel failure in a week occurred to-day, and if the panic continues there will be no ac commodations for the World's Fair visitors in 1892. The Planters' House, the oldest and most tamous hotel in the city, was closed this morning by the Sheriff. On closed this morning by the Sheriff. On Tuesday the Merchants' Hotel, another old landmark, was closed in the same way.

Last night Joseph Gerardi, the lessee of the
Planters' House, executed two deeds of
trust on the furniture and fixtures of the hotel to his wife and cousin.

He was then behind some \$12,000 in rent and this morning the owners of the property secured an attachment, and the Sheriff did the rest. The Planter's House was built in 1836, and has about 300 rooms. It was leased for \$30,000 a year, and the lease has one year to run. The Planters' House was favorably mentioned in Dickens' "American Notes," and has housed many of the most distin-guished men in America.

WIFE IN NAME ONLY.

Young Girl's Marriage Declared to be Nall and Vold-She Was Forced to Wed by the Threats of

Her Lover. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCEL AUBURN, N. Y., February 8 .- In the Supreme Court chambers, at a special term held this morning. Judge C. C. Dwight granted a decree annulling the marriage of Catherine C. Johnson and Ashiey P. Johnson, allowing each to re-marry. The case is a peculiar one. Mrs. Johnson's maiden name was Gertrude Mettlach, and she now resides with her parents in this city. Her husband was a stepson of George E. Johnson, late of the law firm of Johnson & Aiken. The ceremony was performed on the night of March 9, 1886, by the Rev. Constantine Ulrich, then pastor of the St. Al-phoneus German Catholic Church, of which Miss Mettlach and her parents were mem-

The girl was 16 and very pretty, and Johnann was 18 years of age. The couple had become acquainted as playmates in childhood. On the night of the marriage Johnson went to the girl's house and told her the priest wanted to see her. She accompanied Johnson to the parsonage, but nothing was said on the way about the object of his visit. When there Johnson told her that they were to be married, and he would surely shoot her if she objected. Father Ulrich came to the door and ushered them into the purlor. Autone Mantel and Theodore Kosters were procured as witnesses and the ceremony was hastily per-

Miss Mettlach says she can remember but little that was said by the priest, as it was parily in Latin. Her first knowledge of the nature of the ceremony was when the priest said: "Now you are married. I wish you much joy." She went at once to her parents and told them of the occurrence. They were very indignant, and kept her from the man who was her husband in Secretary Tracy and other particular friends. name only. This was made easy for them from the fact that Canandaigus officers were looking for Johnson for breaking jail and borrowing a bicycle to get away.

THE CONTEST BATHER COSTLY. he Expense of the Governorship Fight West Virginia, \$50,000.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] CHARLESTON, W. VA., February 8 .-The Gubernatorial contest matter bids fair to be a much more costly matter for the taxpayers than was at first deemed possible. Going on the principle that if there had been no contest, there would have been no extra session of the Legislature, the charge on the people will not fall much short of \$50,000. When the Commission was appointed to look into the attempted fraud they were to get \$4 per day and expenses. The members have each drawn \$800. This was not deemed enough, and a bill was introduced to give the members \$500 extra all around. This came up in the Finance Committee to-day, and there

was a big kick.

The members of the Commission said the allowance was too small, and General Spriggs did such a song and dance that the committee recommended the extra allow-ance be raised to \$1,250 each. This will make a total of \$10,250 as compensation for the members alone. The stenographer's bill is \$3,500, and other expenses in the

NEW YORK'S CHANCES GONE. Mr. Depew's Serrowful Report to the

Warld's Pair Committee. INPECIAL THE EGHAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, Pedruary 8.-At the suggestion of several leading members a meeting of the Executive Committee of the sparsely settled neighborhood, but in the General Committee of the World's Fair was held to-day to consider situation. Dr. Depew, it is said, demonstrated that as matters now stand the World's Fair bill in Albany is dead and that, therefore, the fair project is dead as far as New York is cone the Assembly bill should pass the Legislature he is reported to have said many Republicans would vote against New York at Washington, and it the Senate bill should

pass at Albany, many Democrats in Congress would vote against New York. Dr. Depew suggested that Mayor Grant might appoint ten Republicans to be added to the list of commissioners to offset those who had been objected to. Mayor Grant said he could not entertain the suggestion that he should name any more commissioners.

A DOSE OF DELAWARE LAW.

Three White Men and Thirteen Negroes

Publicly Whipped. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCEL 1 WILMINGTON, DEL., February 8 .- As a esult of a week's sitting of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, 16 men of whom three are white, were whipped at New Castle this morning by Sheriff Allen. The total number of lashes administered was 103. The whippings took place in a driving rain storm. There were but few spectators, and

no incidents of special note. Just prior to the whipping a pardon was received from Governor Boggs, remitting the ten lashes in the case of Howard J. Woodward, convicted of stealing money. Three prisoners who were to have received six lashes, each for stealing chickens had

RESULT OF A DIVORCE SUIT. Thomas Belden's Throat Cut by J. H. Wing.

His Brother-in-Law. CHICAGO, February 8 .- A sensational affray occurred this evening on Clark street, in front of the Chicago Opera House, between two young men, Thomas Belden and his brother-in-law, J. H. Wing. A divorce suit has embittered the pair, and they were excitedly discussing the matter, when Wing drew a kni e and ripped a three-inch gash in Belden's throat, then made a lunge at Belden's back, inflicting a dangerous

wound. The street was filled with people on the way to the theater, and the bloody act they witnessed caused several ladies to faint.

Belden may possibly recover. GENERAL SHERMAN IS SEVENTY. The Veteran Entertains Distinguished Vis

itors on His Birthday. NEW YORK, February 8 .- General William T. Sherman celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his birthday this evening at his home by entertaining at dinner Senator John Sherman, Channeey M. Depew, General Thomas Ewing, General Wager Swayne, Joseph H. Choate, Colonel J. M. Wilson, Superintendent of West Point; Mayor Grant, Mayor Chapin, of Brooklyn, and John J. Knox. General Sherman was in the best of health and received numerous

KIDNAPPING CHARGED.

dispatches and letters containing the con-

gratulations of his friends.

Sheriff With a Sengtorial Prisoner Arrested En Route.

HELENA, MONT., February 8 .- Sheriff Parker, who is on his way to Helena with Senator Becker, was arrested at Boseman this afternoon by the Sheriff of Gallatin county, on a charge of kidnapping the Senator. He waived examination and was placed

As the matter now stands Becker is at Bozeman with the Sheriff and unless a special is employed he will not reach Helens before to-morrow.

MURDL STOR MONEY

The Wild No Outdone by a Crime in C. New York.

CENTS

AN AGED COUPLE BUTCHERED

By a Solitary Masked Man Who Was Intent on Robbery.

\$3,000 HIDDEN IN A BUREAU DRAWER

Which the Assassin Failed to Find, Committing the Crime for Nothing.

Ransom Floyd, an aged Essex county, N. Y., farmer, sold some property for \$3,000 and kept the money in the house. A masked man entered, latally shot Floyd and killed his wife. He then ransacked the premises, but failed to discover the money.

PERCIAL TRANSPAR TO THE DISPATCE.

WHITEHALL, N. Y., February 8,-Ranson Floyd, an old and well-known Essex county farmer, lies at death's door. His wire is a mangled corpse. Floyd is 72 years old. His wife was 58. For years they had lived on their little farm on the old telegraph road between Westport and Whallonsburg. The little white farm house is situated almost two miles from Westport.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd lived there alone. Last Friday Mr. Floyd completed the sale of some property which he has been negotiat-ing with Boston people for several months. The old couple had decided to sell this off to supply them with sufficient income to keep then the rest of their lives. Three thou-sand dollars was paid to Mr. Floyd on Friday, \$2,500 in checks and \$500 in cash

NO THOUGHT OF DANGER, It was too late to take the money to Westport, so Mr. Floyd locked it up in his desk. Neither he nor his old wile once dreamed of danger. A burgiar had never been heard of in that quiet neighborhood. When Mr. Floyd had inished up the chores about the farm, he and his wife sat down to spend the

evening quietly, as was their wont. Mr. Floyd was reading his newspaper. His wife was sitting near. "I want the money you have in the house or I want your life." Mr. Floyd jumped from his chair and faced the man who had uttered these startling words. He was a thick set man wearing dark clothes and a heavy shawl tied about his shoulders and head. His eyes were covered by a black

feit hat drawn tightly down. "You can't have my money," said the old man, excitedly. "I won't give it up." Mr. Floyd's words were stopped by a bullet which went crashing into his neck, another fired in rapid succession passing through his lett wrist. He fell unconscious to the

HE BECOMES UNCONSCIOUS. "It was about 7 o'clock when the robber approached me," said Floyd, "and it was 8.30 when I regained consciousness." He was weak from loss of blood and was in poor condition to witness the sight that met his gaze. In a pool or blood that extended several feet lay Mrs. Floyd. She was dead

and unrecognizable.

Two bullets had been fired into her head, and, the fiend had battered the whole top of her head in and pounded the face to a jelly. Mr. Floyd crawled to the door, and event-ually he made his way slowly to the house of Alex Soswell, fully 40 rods away. Mr. Floyd was made as comfortable as possible while messeagers were dispatched to Westport for a physician. The report circulated slowly through the course of two hours a number of indiguant

citizens had gathered in the little farm

house, where the murder was committed.

The walls were spattered with blood, the floor flowed with the fluid and the marks of

thing he had touched. THE MONEY UNTOUCHED. The key to the desk where the money was was covered with blood and many of the papers in the drawer which the thiof had rifled bore similar stains. The money was untouched. The burglar had probably become terrified by his aw ul deed and he hurried

away without making a thorough search for

the call. He said at at once that there was

Dr. Pattison, of Westport, responded to

no chance for the old man's recovery. Mr. Floyd was able to tell the story of the tragedy, and described his assailant as given above. Sheriff O. A. Phinney lives in Elizabethtown, seven miles from the Floyd house. To-day be empaneled a jury, who viewed the remains of Mrs. Floyd, took Mr. Floyd's statement and adjourned until next

Westport lies under shadow of the Adirondack mountains and the murderer would have had little difficulty in escaping to the mountains and picking out a secure hiding-place, as there was no organized effort to find him. Sheriff Phinney was offered a reward of \$1,000 for his capture.

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